

Across the Nation,

“ The Census is an opportunity to get our fair share of \$185 billion, annually, in federal funding. When you don't participate in the U.S. Census, the money your community or state would have received goes elsewhere. It goes to another community or state to fund roads, health care services, Title I educational programs, nutrition services for seniors, and child care services. The result of you not participating in the U.S. Census means federal dollars that might have been allocated to your community for services will either not be provided or will be paid for directly by you, penny by penny, nickel by nickel, dollar by dollar, day after day, until the next U.S. Census gathers the necessary information to divide federal funding. ”

— Joan Paton Acosta, Ph.D., Los Angeles Unified School District

Los Angeles Unified School District

This district's three-pronged approach to teaching and promoting Census 2000 (educate your teachers, sponsor events and activities, and get the word out) is a model for all schools. L.A.U.S.D.'s official **Census in Schools** launch took place on October 1, 1999 at the district's Hobart Elementary School and was attended by 1,800 students, staff, elected officials, and parents. The district's motto, "We Count!," was emblazoned on thousands of buttons, T-shirts, and stickers.



L.A.U.S.D. launch at Hobart Elementary School

Danbury High School

Geography teacher Ken Keller, at Danbury High School in Danbury, Connecticut, recently invited a local census representative to talk to students about the importance of Census 2000. Students learned about the allocation of federal funds, the reapportionment of congressional districts, and census employment opportunities. It was a very worthwhile experience for everyone involved.

Memphis City Schools

The Memphis Arts Council in Memphis, Tennessee, is developing a Census 2000 "narrative in dance" as a part of their Arts in Schools program to teach children that they count. The program will be held in Spring 2000 in the Memphis City Schools and will include modern and African dance.